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response: sourcing for moscow, beijing international service

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have the following observations from recent check of station and time announcements for moscow and beijing international services monitored by bangkok:

moscow did not announce a specific target country for its burmese, lao, indonesian, thai and hindi casts. all the aforementioned, however, did provide in their opening announcements broadcast times in local terms for the countries fbis identifies as the target. the closing announcement for the cambodian casts specifically stated "we are concluding our daily program for listeners in kampuchea." similarly, the closing announcement for the 1200 gmt urdu cast stated "radio moscow's first urdu broadcast for indian listeners ends," and the opening announcement for the 1300 gmt urdu cast stated "moscow radio's urdu broadcast for pakistani listeners begins." the bengali cast opening announcement stated "we are broadcasting a program for bangladesh listeners." all of these casts provide broadcast times in local target country terms.

Concerning beijing's international services, no specific target country, language or target country program time was given for the thai and indonesian broadcasts. the language, but no target or target country program time, was given for the bengali, burmese and lao broadcasts. the language and a target-country program time, but not specific target, were given for the malay, cambodian, hindi and urdu (giving local times for both india and pakistan)

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